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William E. Tate to be postmaster at Wasco, in the county of Sherman and State of Oregon. Office became Presidential January 1, 1904.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Frank R. Hammond to be postmaster at Bolivar, in the county of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania. Office became Presidential January 1, 1904.

Francis A. Thompson to be postmaster at Lilly, in the county of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania. Office became Presidential January 1, 1904.

Michael Weyand to be postmaster at Beaver, in the county of Beaver and State of Pennsylvania, in place of Michael Weyand. Incumbent's commission expires January 18, 1904.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

David E. Ward to be postmaster at Dell Rapids, in the county of Minnehaha and State of South Dakota, in place of David E. Ward. Incumbent's commission expires January 17, 1904.

TENNESSEE.

William C. Cassady to be postmaster at Lenoir City, in the county of Loudon and State of Tennessee. Office became Presidential January 1, 1904.

UTAH.

Hugh M. Dougall to be postmaster at Springville, in the county of Utah and State of Utah, in place of Catherine M. Dougall. Incumbent's commission expired December 19, 1903.

VERMONT.

Henry S. Webster to be postmaster at Barton Landing, in the county of Orleans and State of Vermont. Office became Presidential January 1, 1904.

WASHINGTON.

Oscar C. Truax to be postmaster at Tekoa, in the county of Whitman and State of Washington, in place of Oscar C. Truax. Incumbent's commission expired January 3, 1904.

WEST VIRGINIA.

John A. Dinsmore to be postmaster at Keystone, in the county of McDowell and State of West Virginia. Office became Presidential October 1, 1902.

John F. Lewis to be postmaster at Point Pleasant, in the county of Mason and State of West Virginia, in place of William Chambers. Incumbent's commission expired December 19, 1903.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate January 4, 1904.

POSTMASTERS.

CALIFORNIA.

Horace B. Gardiner to be postmaster at Crockett, in the county of Contra Costa and State of California.

Charles S. Graham to be postmaster at Pleasanton, in the county of Alameda and State of California.

COLORADO.

Frank E. Baker to be postmaster at Fort Morgan, in the county of Morgan and State of Colorado.

John F. Morgan to be postmaster at Colorado City, in the county of El Paso and State of Colorado.

Daniel M. Sullivan to be postmaster at Cripple Creek, in the county of Teller and State of Colorado.

DELAWARE.

Joseph M. Harrington to be postmaster at Felton, in the county of Kent and State of Delaware.

ILLINOIS.

David H. Baker to be postmaster at Tiskilwa, in the county of Bureau and State of Illinois.

Thomas E. Ballinger to be postmaster at Chenoa, in the county of McLean and State of Illinois.

INDIANA.

Knobe D. Porter to be postmaster at Hagerstown, in the county of Wayne and State of Indiana.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Frederick S. Walker to be postmaster at Afton, in the Cherokee Nation, Ind. T.

IOWA.

Hamline W. Robinson to be postmaster at Colfax, in the county of Jasper and State of Iowa.

KANSAS.

George H. Leisenring to be postmaster at Ellis, in the county of Ellis and State of Kansas.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Everett I. Nye to be postmaster at Wellfleet, in the county of Barnstable and State of Massachusetts.

MICHIGAN.

Charles Bidwell, jr., to be postmaster at Tecumseh, in the county of Lenawee and State of Michigan.

Willard E. Holt to be postmaster at Bellevue, in the county of Eaton and State of Michigan.

NEBRASKA.

George B. Guffy to be postmaster at Elgin, in the county of Antelope and State of Nebraska.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Walter A. Stafford to be postmaster at Velva, in the county of McHenry and State of North Dakota.

Jared C. Thompson to be postmaster at Dickinson, in the county of Stark and State of North Dakota.

OREGON.

William M. Yates to be postmaster at Hood River, in the county of Wasco and State of Oregon.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Charles W. Huy to be postmaster at Schuylkill Haven, in the county of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania.

VIRGINIA.

Benjamin P. Gay to be postmaster at Smithfield, in the county of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia.

WEST VIRGINIA.

John B. McNally to be postmaster at Wellsburg, in the county of Brooke and State of West Virginia.

WISCONSIN.

Ralph E. Arnold to be postmaster at Fairchild, in the county of Eau Claire and State of Wisconsin.

George W. Dodge to be postmaster at Menasha, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, January 4, 1904.

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D., offered the following prayer:

We bless Thee, Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, for the inheritance which has come down to us out of the past, making luminous the present with its discoveries, its inventions, its experiences, its vast and accumulated knowledge and wisdom; for the part which our nation has contributed to the civilizing forces of the world; and we most fervently pray that it may move forward under the white banner of peace till its sacred institutions shall cover the earth as the waters cover the seas. Increase the efficiency of each department of state, that good government may more and more obtain. Avert, we beseech Thee, the threatened war between Japan and Russia by a peaceable and amicable adjustment of their differences, and grant that all nations shall henceforth vie with each other in cementing the bonds of fraternity and love, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in all the earth. We thank Thee that we are permitted once more to assemble within these historic walls after the home gatherings of the season in health and strength. Let Thy spirit come mightily upon the Speaker and each Member, that each may fulfill to the uttermost the obligations resting upon him. Be graciously near to the Member who is detained by sickness, and grant that he may soon be restored to health and his place upon the floor of this House.

And Thine be the praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Journal of Saturday, December 19, 1903, was read and approved.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, Senate bills of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and referred to their appropriate committees as indicated below:

An act (S. 2319) to provide for the construction of a light-house and fog signal at Diamond Shoal, on the coast of North Carolina, at Cape Hatteras—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

An act (S. 1496) supplemental to the act of February 9, 1821, incorporating the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, and the acts amendatory thereof—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

An act (S. 2318) granting an increase of pension to Amanda B. Tisdell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 2125) granting an increase of pension to Marcus T. Caswell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 2078) granting an increase of pension to Hampton C. Watson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1985) granting an increase of pension to Jonathan Hites—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1984) granting an increase of pension to Levi Roberts—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1952) granting an increase of pension to John Monahan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1929) granting an increase of pension to George W. Spahr—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1913) granting an increase of pension to Lorenzo E. Harrison—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1832) granting an increase of pension to George W. Herron—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1827) granting an increase of pension to Harris A. P. Lewis—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1819) granting an increase of pension to Charles P. Skinner—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1772) granting an increase of pension to Louise K. Bard—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 368) granting an increase of pension to Charles M. Wilcox—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 367) granting an increase of pension to George W. Richardson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 339) granting an increase of pension to Ebenezer H. Richardson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 338) granting an increase of pension to Jane M. Watt—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 215) granting a pension to Mary D. Perry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 200) granting a pension to Austin Almy—to the Committee on Pensions.

An act (S. 190) granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Bell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 182) granting an increase of pension to Charles F. Holt—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 172) granting an increase of pension to Elizabeth McClaren—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 137) granting a pension to Hannah Kelly—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 112) granting an increase of pension to Henry G. Hammond—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 99) granting an increase of pension to Joel C. Shepherd—to the Committee on Pensions.

An act (S. 65) granting an increase of pension to Charles R. Allen—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 14) granting an increase of pension to Samuel M. Perry—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 13) granting an increase of pension to William Clark—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 12) granting an increase of pension to Francis E. Chase—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 11) granting a pension to John L. Sullivan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 9) granting an increase of pension to David E. Burbank—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 8) granting an increase of pension to Perry Kirtledge—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 7) granting an increase of pension to Alfred Woodman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 6) granting a pension to Cora M. Converse—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1756) granting an increase of pension to Zebedee M. Cushman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1755) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Banks—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1704) granting an increase of pension to Lucretia Ritchhart—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1652) granting an increase of pension to Minerva A. McMillan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1604) granting an increase of pension to Mary A. Bishop—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1498) granting an increase of pension to Winslow P. Eayrs—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

An act (S. 1497) granting an increase of pension to Walter F. Chase—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House of Representatives by Mr. BARNES, one of his secretaries.

RESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE M'CLELLAN.

The SPEAKER. The Chair lays before the House the following resignation.

The Clerk read as follows:

NEW YORK, December 21, 1903.

TO THE SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have this day forwarded to the governor my resignation as a Representative in Congress from the Twelfth district of the State of New York.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
Albany, December 22, 1903.

Hon. JOSEPH G. CANNON,
Speaker House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: The resignation of George B. McClellan as a Representative in Congress from the Twelfth district of New York has this day been received at this office and the same placed on file.

Yours, respectfully,

J. B. M. MONGIN,
Deputy Secretary of State.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PRINTING ILLUSTRATIONS.

The SPEAKER. The Chair lays before the House the following paper:

The Clerk read as follows:

Ordered, That authorization is hereby given for the printing of illustrations with the following documents:

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk read that authorization was given for illustrations of the following documents, but he did not read what the documents are.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the paper in full.

The Clerk read as follows:

House Document No. 54, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Breverton Channel of the Patapsco River.

House Document No. 55, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Oswego Harbor, N. Y.

House Document No. 56, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Columbia River, between Vancouver and Willamette.

House Document No. 57, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Ogden Landing, Kentucky.

House Document No. 58, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Harbor at Manchester, Mass.

House Document No. 59, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Catskill Creek, New York.

House Document No. 60, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Harbors of refuge at Point Judith, Block Island.

House Document No. 73, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Channel of West River, Connecticut.

House Document No. 90, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: United States legation building at Constantinople.

House Document No. 111, part 2, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Annual Report of the Director of the Bureau of American Republics.

House Document No. 211, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session: Muskingum River, Ohio.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I should like to make some inquiry as to the nature of these publications, the extent of them, and something about the price. Under rule 45, when the report comes from the committee it shall be accompanied by an estimate of the probable cost.

The SPEAKER. The Chair would state that he is informed by the clerk at the Speaker's desk that they are the ordinary executive documents, touching river and harbor improvements, transmitted in pursuance of law, with a few others which have been mentioned, and which are official. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted as follows: To Mr. BURGESS, for two weeks, on account of important business.

To Mr. SAMUEL W. SMITH, for ten days, on account of important business.

To Mr. MCMORRAN, for ten days, on account of important business.

To Mr. CALDERHEAD, for five days, on account of important business.

To Mr. ALLEN, for four days, on account of death in family.

To Mr. TOWNSEND, for ten days, on account of important business.

To Mr. BURLEIGH, for ten days, on account of illness in his family.

To Mr. FULLER, for one week, on account of important business.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. HAY. I offer the following privileged resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Whereas Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General J. L. Bristow in his report to the Postmaster-General, dated October 24, 1903, and which report has been transmitted to a committee of this House, has charged that long-time leases for post-office premises were canceled and the rent increased upon the recommendation of influential Representatives;

And whereas it is charged in the same report that "if a Member of Congress requested an increase in the clerk hire allowed a postmaster, Beavers usually complied regardless of the merits of the case;"

And whereas certain cases of an aggravated character are cited on pages 133, 134, and 135 of said report to sustain the above charges;

And whereas on page 145 of said report it is charged that Members of Congress have violated section 3739 of the Revised Statutes, and that "in the face of this statute Beavers has made contracts with Members of Congress for the rental of premises, either in their own names, the names of their agents, or some member of their families;"

And whereas these charges and others contained in said report reflect upon the integrity of the membership of this House, and upon individual members of this House whose names are not mentioned: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Speaker of this House appoint a committee consisting of five members of this House to investigate said charges; and in connection therewith any frauds or irregularities in the conduct of the Post-Office Department; and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, to enforce the production of the same; to examine witnesses under oath; to have the assistance of a stenographer, and to have power to sit during the sessions of the House, and to exercise all functions necessary to a complete investigation of said charges, and to report the result of said investigation as soon as practicable.

Mr. PAYNE rose.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York.

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, I believe that I have the floor.

Mr. PAYNE. The gentleman did not claim the floor.

Mr. HAY. I was standing claiming the floor all of the time.

The SPEAKER. The Chair supposed that the gentleman from New York rose to a question under the rules. The gentleman from Virginia is entitled to the floor.

Mr. PAYNE. Certainly. I had no desire to take it from the gentleman, but he did not seem to desire the floor.

Mr. HAY. I was addressing myself to the Speaker.

Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I make the point of order that the resolution the gentleman offered is not a privileged resolution.

Mr. HAY. Does the gentleman wish to address himself to that point?

Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts. I should like to.

Mr. HAY. How much time does the gentleman desire?

Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts. That is a matter which is in the discretion of the Chair, I suppose.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will state that it is competent for the gentleman to make the point of order.

Mr. HAY. I understand, and he is entitled to the floor for that purpose in his own time.

The SPEAKER. The time for discussion on the point of order, the Chair takes it, is in the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts. What strikes me, Mr. Speaker, at first blush, after listening to the reading of this resolution, is that it is obnoxious to a point of order for the reason that when a privileged resolution is offered it must deal exclusively with the question of privilege. Now, the gentleman in his resolution asks that a committee be appointed, not only for the purpose of investigating matters in this House, but also for the purpose of making a sweeping investigation of irregularities and frauds and charges against the Post-Office Department. If I correctly recall the rules of this House, they provide that when a question of privilege is raised and a resolution offered upon it, that resolution must deal exclusively with that question of privilege. It seems to me that the gentleman's resolution violates that rule, and I make that point of order.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will hear the gentleman from Virginia touching the point of order made by the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, under Rule IX of the House it is declared that—

Questions of privilege shall be, first, those affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings; second, the rights, reputation, and conduct of Members individually in their representative capacity only.

Now, Mr. Speaker, while this resolution does provide for an investigation of the frauds and irregularities in the Post-Office Department, it only does so in connection with the charges which have been made in this report against Members of this House. If gentlemen will read the report—if the Speaker will examine the report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, he will find that Members of Congress are brought into almost all charges which are made against the officials of the Post-Office Department.

But if there is any question about the privilege of that part of the resolution, I will, at the proper time, strike out that part which is obnoxious to the rule, or which the gentleman from Massachusetts may think obnoxious to the rule, in the event the Chair holds that the gentleman from Massachusetts is correct in his point of order.

Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I will make this further suggestion: The gentleman from Virginia by implication almost seems to admit that my point of order will stand. At the same time he attempts to obviate that by saying that he will amend or modify his resolution. I do not know how many times a Member can be allowed to try to draw a proper privileged resolution if he fails the first time. But it seems to me that there is still a further point of order which can be raised against this resolution. I have read the full report of Mr. Bristow, and, as I remember, there is in that report no charge at all against any Member of the House by name. The report simply alleges certain things in regard to "Members of Congress." It does not appear, consequently, by the report of the Postmaster-General whether it applies to any present Member of the House or not. The term of this Congress only began the 4th of March last, and the facts investigated occurred mostly long before then; and it

seems to me that unless a charge is made against some present Member of the House it is not a matter affecting the privileges of this House.

The gentleman does not show by his motion or by his statement that this is a matter of privilege affecting the present membership of this House, and any attack which can be made against past Congresses or against Members of a past Congress who are not now Members does not involve a question of privilege for this Congress. It seems to me that the gentleman must explicitly show that there is a charge against some Member of this Congress before the matter can become a question of privilege.

Therefore I suggest that point of order also—that this is not a question of privilege to be entertained by this House, because thus far the gentleman does not show that any Member of this Congress is affected by it.

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, this report is dated, I believe, October 24, 1903, after the present membership became a part of the Fifty-eighth Congress; and, as a matter of fact, the report does name a Member of the House.

Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts. But, if I remember correctly, the gentleman making the report says that he thinks the conduct of that gentleman proper and makes no charge against him, so that there is certainly no question of privilege there.

Mr. HAY. Very well; but there is a Member of this House named, and the gentleman making the report says generally in the report that Members of Congress have violated section 3739 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts. Will the gentleman allow a question?

Mr. HAY. The "Members of Congress" referred to must have been Members of this Congress, because there were no other Members of Congress at the time the report was made. There is no way of getting away from that. I can not conceive how the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General in making the report and charging that Members of Congress had violated this statute could mean Members of some other Congress when this Congress was the only Congress then in being or that is now in being.

I do not understand the animus that seems to actuate the gentleman from Massachusetts and to make him flee from this investigation. I can not perceive how it can possibly be anything but a benefit to this House and to the country that this investigation should be made. And the point of order does not seem to be well taken when it is a matter of newspaper notoriety that a Member of this Congress—not of this House, but of this Congress—was charged with violating the statute and that the matter was settled in the Post-Office Department and the incident declared closed, because it was said that the rent of the building referred to in the town of that Member of Congress was not as high as the rent of some other building in the town would have been if it had been rented for post-office purposes.

Now, this report must refer to the Members of the present Congress. It can not refer to the Members of any other Congress, and it must be taken to refer to Members of this Congress, if it refers to any Congress at all.

Mr. GAINES of Tennessee. Will my friend state what is the date of that report?

Mr. HAY. October 24, 1903.

Mr. GAINES of Tennessee. And the language used is "Members of Congress?"

Mr. HAY. "Members of Congress"—"influential Members of Congress."

Mr. GAINES of Tennessee. It must at least mean Members of the present Congress who were Members of the last Congress. There are no other "Members of Congress" except Members of the present Congress.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, the question is a point of order upon the resolution.

The resolution recites that the charges have been made against "Members of this House." That is the language of the resolution. The point of order is to the language of the resolution itself. It seems to me that that settles that point. Now, the gentleman makes the point of order, confessing himself, mark you, that a part of the resolution does raise a matter of privilege; that there are other parts of the resolution outside of the matter of privilege, and says the rule is that the resolution must be exclusively a matter of privilege. If I catch his meaning, that is it. Now, the gentleman has failed to point out a single part of the resolution that is outside of the purview of the privileges of the House; and I say now that if my memory of the resolution as read, and my memory of it as I read it beforehand, cursorily and quickly, is correct, the gentleman can not point out a part of the resolution which does not concern itself solely with this question, to wit, whether the Members of the House have violated this section of the statute and other laws, thereby enabling a charge to be made against the "integrity" of the House. Now, whether a particular Member is named or not in the report is one

thing. Whether the House generally is named—"Members of Congress," generally, are named—is another thing.

It is a much higher question of privilege if Members of Congress generally are named, without distinction, or eo nomine, than if a particular person is named, because when a particular person is designated that is a matter of individual privilege; but when the general term "Members of Congress" is used, and no further designation is made, it is a reflection upon the entire House. It is a reflection upon the gentleman from Massachusetts; it is a reflection upon the gentleman from Virginia; it is a reflection upon me; because an employee of the Government has arraigned the House, the membership of Congress, without designating which particular Members he means, and therefore leaves every one of us under a cloud of suspicion and under a stigma.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman says that the gentleman from Virginia virtually confessed that part of his resolution was not privileged. The gentleman from Virginia did not do that, but merely said that if the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. GILLET] would point out any part of it that was not he would agree to strike that part out. But there can be no doubt about the fact that a general charge that "Members of the House" have violated the plain written statute of the United States by making contracts with the Post-Office Department, by procuring the annulment of leases for fixed terms and their rental at a higher rate—there is no question about the fact that a Member of this House who has made a contract of the sort referred to by the Post-Office Department has violated the law and has laid himself liable to expulsion, and ought to be expelled by the membership of the House. And therefore it is a question of House privilege.

I can not see for the life of me, Mr. Speaker, how the matter can be argued successfully upon the point of order against the resolution. If the gentleman can point out any part of the resolution which does not come within the purview of the rule concerning privileges, then it is, and then only, that the gentleman from Virginia will be willing to strike out that part of the resolution; but as I have read the resolution it does not provide for a general investigation of irregularities and frauds in the Post-Office Department, but for an investigation of those charges of irregularities and frauds which connect Members of Congress with them.

Mr. GILLET of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. The Chair is ready to rule. Turning to page 583 of the Manual, the Chair reads as follows:

The including of matter not privileged destroys the privileged character of a bill.

A resolution of inquiry loses its privileged character if matter not privileged be contained therein.

A privileged proposition may not be amended by adding thereto matter not privileged or germane to the original question—

Citing the various decisions of the House.

The rulings of the House heretofore have been that you can not, under the guise of a privileged matter, couple therewith matters not privileged. It seems to the Chair that the House heretofore has decided wisely in that respect.

If a contrary ruling were adopted, there would be questions of privilege presented that might drag through many questions that were not privileged, and the House would be compelled to pass on the two together. In view of these rulings in the House from time to time, the Chair will call attention to this resolution.

The preamble seems by recitation to present a question of privilege. The resolution, however, is broader than the preamble. It is this:

Be it resolved, That the Speaker of this House appoint a committee consisting of five members of this House to investigate said charges—

What follows?

and in connection therewith any frauds or irregularities in the conduct of the Post-Office Department.

Again:

And to have power to sit during the sessions of the House, and to exercise all functions necessary to a complete investigation of said charges, frauds, and irregularities.

The resolution on its face couples nonprivileged matters with privileged matters under sound rulings and determinations of the House heretofore; and for that reason, in its present shape, the Chair is compelled to sustain the point of order.

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolution, striking out the words "and in connection therewith any frauds or irregularities in the conduct of the Post-Office Department;" and the further words, at the end of the resolution, "frauds and irregularities." That will leave the resolution as changed and offered so that it will contain only a privileged question.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Whereas Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General J. L. Bristow in his report to the Postmaster-General, dated October 24, 1903, and which report has been transmitted to a committee of this House, has charged that long-time leases for post-office premises were canceled and the rent increased upon the recommendation of influential Representatives;

And whereas it is charged in the same report that "if a Member of Congress requested an increase in the clerk hire allowed a postmaster, Beavers usually complied regardless of the merits of the case;"

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Be it resolved, That the Speaker of this House appoint a committee consisting of five members of this House to investigate said charges; that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, to enforce the production of the same; to examine witnesses under oath; to have the assistance of a stenographer, and to have power to sit during the sessions of the House, and to exercise all functions necessary to a complete investigation of said charges, and to report the result of said investigation as soon as practicable.

Mr. GARDNER of New Jersey. I raise a point of order against the resolution as changed and now offered.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. GARDNER of New Jersey. The whole basis for the attempt to make this a privileged question is the report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General. The question is, Does that report involve Members of this particular House? The only basis shown in the preamble, the only things alleged, refer to that report as the sole authority for the allegations so far as shown. The resolution undertakes to set up this: That Mr. Beavers some time during the eight years, more or less, of his administration of an office was at fault in following the suggestions of some Members of Congress, and that Members of some Congress during that period of years have violated a certain section of the Revised Statutes.

Now, sir, this resolution, in my judgment, does not become privileged unless it is shown that the report on which it is based refers to Members of this Congress, and I think it should go further and say that Members of this Congress who committed the violations of the law charged did so as Members of this particular Congress. The charge is that the statute has been violated by Members of the House. Of what House? The Fifty-fifth, the Fifty-sixth, or the Fifty-seventh? What we want to know is to Members of what particular House and what particular Congress the resolution applies, and whether it is proposed to go back and find out as a matter of privilege if Members of the Fifty-fifth or Fifty-sixth Congress violated the law. Would that proposition raise a question of privilege?

Would a proposition that a Member of the Fifty-seventh Congress violated the law, the Member having become a Member of the new Congress, make a privileged question of the proposition to investigate his conduct while a Member of a Congress which has expired? I think, Mr. Speaker, that in order to make this a privileged question at all there must be an exhibit of some allegation in the report accusing some Member of this House, of this particular Congress, of an act committed while he has been a Member of this Congress.

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, as I said before, this investigation began after the election of the present membership of this House. It began after the 4th of March last. It is not necessary, nor is it possible, for me or any other Member on this floor to state the name of any individual that was referred to in the report. That is what we want to know. The fact that there might be some individual or individuals in this House who have violated the law makes this a question of privilege. The report does not disclose the name, but it makes a sweeping charge against the membership of this House.

The report, as I said, was drawn in October of last year, and the very fact that this report does not single out any particular individual or any particular Member of this House makes it all the more necessary that we should have a right to defend the integrity of the Members of this House from the attack or an assault made upon it by an executive officer.

Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman a question.

Mr. HAY. Certainly.

Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH. Would it not be possible for you to obtain the very information you want by a resolution of inquiry?

Mr. HAY. Certainly not.

Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH. Would such an inquiry not be a privileged resolution?

Mr. HAY. Oh, it is a privileged resolution, but it will be voted down, perhaps.

Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH. But I do not think it will be voted down. Why should it be voted down?

Mr. HAY. Well, there have been two resolutions passed by this House, and this report has come to us as the result of one of them. Now, in this report there is nothing said about any particular Member except one, but there is a general charge that Members of Congress have violated the law.

Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH. Now, let me ask the gentleman from Virginia if it would not be better to get the names of the people who must be in the mind of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, rather than to make a general charge against the whole House of Representatives?

Mr. HAY. I am not making a charge.

Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH. Well, it is an insinuation.

Mr. HAY. I am not making an insinuation; the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General makes the insinuation, and the Postmaster-General sends this insinuation to this House. I do not say that any Member of this House has violated the law, but what I want is to vindicate the Members of this House by an investigation as to whether or not the charges of the Postmaster-General are correct.

Mr. PAYNE. May I ask the gentleman a question?

Mr. HAY. Certainly.

Mr. PAYNE. I understand that his resolution refers to charges in reference to clerk hire, and is contained on certain pages—pages 132, 133, and 134 of the report; am I correct in that?

Mr. HAY. No; the gentleman is not correct. That is one of the charges—

Mr. PAYNE. One of the charges—

Mr. HAY. But the main charge is, Members have violated section 3739 of the Revised Statutes, which prohibits Members of Congress—

Mr. PAYNE. One of the charges of the preamble as it stands now relates to pages 132, 133, and 134 of the report. Now, is it not a fact that the date is given in each one of these cases and that that date is prior to the 4th of March, 1903, and before there was any Member of this House?

Mr. HAY. That may be true; I do not recall it now because I have not the report before me.

Mr. PAYNE. I have just been looking at the report.

Mr. HAY. But the charge that the Members of this House have violated section 3739 is a sweeping charge, and no dates are given.

Mr. PAYNE. No date is given in that, except it was made by Beavers, and of course we all know Beavers resigned early in the season of last year; I do not know the exact date.

Mr. HAY. The other dates are given.

Mr. PAYNE. Oh, the other dates are given, but the report shows that it was not a Member of this House, but a Member of the former House who was dealt with.

Mr. HAY. The report does not show anything of that sort. What I want to know is who are the people who have violated the law.

Mr. GROSVENOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Virginia this question: Would it not be better for all concerned to adopt a resolution here calling upon the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General to furnish to Congress the names of the Congressmen whom he charges with having been guilty of some of these crimes and irregularities? Now, would not that furnish a basis upon which intelligent and just action could be taken by the House? Here are serious insinuations—or call them what you like—and no names are given, as I understand.

Ought not this House, before it attempts a general sweeping investigation, inasmuch as the presumption is that the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General knows the names of the men against whom he has made this allegation, call upon him to furnish the House with the names of the men he means to attack and the evidence upon which he bases it? Then the House can act intelligently.

But what would the gentleman do now supposing he was the chairman of this committee? What would he do in order to get at what he wanted to know?

Mr. HAY. I would get at the names.

Mr. GROSVENOR. You would send for the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, and you would say to him, "What do you mean? Where are they? Put your finger on them, and give us the names, and tell us what they did." Now, would it not be better, therefore, inasmuch as naturally that would be the course of procedure, to ask him by resolution, or rather demand of him by resolution, that he make good his general charge by giving us the names of the men against whom he intended to lodge this indirect charge?

Mr. HAY. If the gentleman from Ohio wishes to introduce a resolution of that sort, I have no objection to his doing it, and I would take very great pleasure in voting for it, but I must insist that the resolution which I have offered will accomplish everything that the resolution suggested by the gentleman from Ohio would do, and mine is before the House and can be acted upon. Therefore I ask the ruling of the Chair.

Mr. GARDNER of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, while this discussion has been going on I have found the items of the report on which this resolution is entirely based, as I understand it, and I find that the first case stated was on January 12, 1899; the next

on January 1, 1901; the next July 1, 1898; the next July 1, 1900; the next April 1, 1896; the next May 1, 1897. Every case given fixes a date prior to the existence of this Congress, and it is utterly impossible that it can charge against any Member of this House any offense while he has been a Member of the Fifty-eighth Congress, because all of the transactions, all the alleged violations of the statute antedate the existence of the Fifty-eighth Congress.

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, I was just going to read a page of the report, if the gentleman will permit me, which does include the Members of this House.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, in reply to what the gentleman from New Jersey has just said, the fourth clause of the resolution recites the charges that have been made, that Members of the House have violated section 3739 of the Revised Statutes, and what the gentleman has read refers to the charges made in the first three clauses of the resolution and not to the charge made in the fourth clause of the resolution. Now, if it is left in doubt as to whether Members of this House have been generally charged, without naming them, with a violation of this section of the statute, and are therefore amenable to punishment or expulsion from this House if found guilty by the House; if it is in doubt as to whether that is the case or not, then this is a matter of privilege; and it is a matter of privilege much more, as I said before, when the general allegation is against the House than if the Members were named. In fact, if I were specifically named, or if a Member was specifically named, then it would become a matter of personal privilege as well, but as it is it is purely House privilege, going to the integrity of the House.

I want to say this further, and I would not say anything not bearing on the point of order except that others have talked of matters that do not apply to it: Why resist this resolution? Why keep us from trying to find out whether Members of this House are included in the charge that the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General has made? Why try to cover up and conceal anything in connection with the conduct of the Members of this House in their relationship to the Post-Office Department? Do not you think it would be better for each individual Member of it, since you are talking about the merits of the proposition, as well as the point of order—if there is any Member of the House guilty of the alleged charge—to have an inquiry into it? Why not find the guilty Members and mete out appropriate punishment to the guilty, thereby relieving the innocent from the stain of suspicion?

Why do we want to go home, each and every one of us, smirched by this report? Because, as long as it is a general allegation and no names are mentioned, you are smirched and I am smirched. There is a stain on each of us. I think it would be well to give an opportunity to show, if it be true, that no Member of this House was concerned in these transactions; and, if it be true, upon the other hand, that some Member or any Member of this House has been concerned in this sort of transaction, then it would be well to point out the guilty party and punish him, as the House of Representatives ought to do, and thus relieve the imputation from the others.

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, on page 145 of this report the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General states the language of section 3739 of the Revised Statutes, and then, after stating that language, says:

Yet, in the face of this statute, Beavers has made contracts with Members of Congress for the rental of premises, either in their own names or the names of their agents or some members of their families.

Mr. GARDNER of New Jersey. But when, when?

Mr. HAY. Now, that does not preclude the idea that any Member of the Fifty-eighth Congress has made any contract. It is a direct charge. That charge refers to "Members of Congress." The only Members of Congress now in existence and who could be properly charged in this report are Members of the Fifty-eighth Congress, not Members of the Fifty-seventh or of the Fifty-sixth. Therefore, the House, by the report of this executive officer, is charged with violating the law. Yet, because nobody is mentioned, it is said that therefore we should sit down under this imputation and not undertake to vindicate ourselves from these charges. I insist, sir, that the point of order made by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. GARDNER] is not well taken.

The SPEAKER. The Chair is ready to rule. The gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. GARDNER] makes the point of order that the resolution does not present a question of privilege. The Chair will read from the preamble of the resolution:

And whereas on page 145 of said report it is charged that Members of Congress have violated section 3739 of the Revised Statutes and that "in the face of this statute Beavers has made contracts with Members of Congress for the rental of premises, either in their own names, the names of their agents, or some member of their families."

The gentleman from New Jersey says that for anything which appears in that branch of the preamble a Member of some former Congress, who may not be a Member of this Congress, may be the one referred to as having made the contract. The gentleman also cites from the report to which the resolution refers that

matters therein referred to are stated to have occurred in 1899, some in 1896, and some in 1901, if the Chair's recollection of the gentleman's remarks is correct.

The Chair is frank to say that if this were an indictment and the Chair were acting as a court that part of the indictment if separated from other portions of the instrument would, in the opinion of the Chair, be not sufficient; that the allegation ought to be made with particularity and refer to Members of this Congress. But the next clause of the resolution is as follows:

And whereas these charges and others contained in said report reflect upon the integrity of the membership of this House, and upon individual Members of this House, whose names are not mentioned: Therefore, etc.

It does not appear from that allegation or from anything, so far as the Chair is informed in the report, that these alleged improprieties or offenses were committed since the 4th day of March last.

Waiving, however, the want of particularity in the resolution—and the Chair refers to the same in stating the position of the gentleman from New Jersey—this resolution is presented by a Member of this House, and, while its allegations are general, perchance they may include a Member of the House touching an act committed since the 4th day of March last, when the term of office began. The Chair therefore would be slow to hold that it does not present a question of privilege. It is the duty of the Chair to rule and say, subject, of course, to the subsequent action of the House, whether or not this resolution does present a question of privilege. If in doubt, the Chair would let the House pass upon that question. The Chair, however, is not in doubt, and overrules the point of order made by the gentleman from New Jersey. [Applause on the Democratic side.]

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, if nobody desires any time—

Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts. Will the gentleman yield me five minutes?

Mr. HAY. I yield five minutes to the gentleman.

Mr. GILLETT of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I simply wish to say a word in response to the insinuation made against me by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. HAY]. When I first made the point of order to the gentleman's resolution as first presented, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. HAY] asked why it was that I flew to the defense of the alleged lawbreakers, or some remark of that sort.

I made the point that this resolution included an investigation not covered by the gentleman's question of privilege, and therefore was out of order, not because I wanted to shield anybody, but for two valid reasons: First, in behalf of good parliamentary proceeding, for I do not think it right under the guise of the privilege of this House to bring in, as he attempted to do, a sweeping investigation of the Post-Office Department not at all related to this House; and for the sake of good parliamentary order I made the point, thinking it was always better in such cases of privilege to stand strictly by the rules and not set a bad precedent. And I will admit, Mr. Speaker, I did it for the further reason that I did not know of the existence of this resolution until I heard it read at the desk, and I presume every other Member on this side of the House was equally in the dark and taken by surprise, and I did not like a dragnet investigation of this sort to be suddenly brought into the House and sprung on us by the minority when there is another committee that already has jurisdiction of the subject and when there has already been an investigation made (and I think now in progress) by two men of as high standing, as thorough impartiality, as entirely outside of any leaning to this side of the House as could possibly be found.

And I wish to call the gentleman's attention to the fact that although I made, in connection with my point of order, the suggestion, which was afterwards elaborated by the gentleman from New Jersey, that it did not appear that the charges he referred to affected this Congress and therefore it was not privileged. Yet after the Chair had sustained my contention that the resolution was not privileged so long as it provided for an investigation of the Post-Office Department, and the gentleman had eliminated from his original resolution what I thought was objectionable, I did not insist upon the other point of order. I was quite willing then, and am now, that this committee should be appointed, and that any improper conduct of Members of this House shall be investigated, and I simply wished to say this in reply to the gentleman to show that it was from no desire to shield anyone and from no wish to prevent investigation that I made the point of order.

Mr. PAYNE. Will the gentleman from Virginia allow me a moment?

Mr. HAY. How much time does the gentleman wish?

Mr. PAYNE. Three or four minutes—perhaps five.

Mr. HAY. I yield five minutes to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, when an opportunity is given I

shall move to refer this resolution to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads. I think that what has occurred in the House this morning has demonstrated the propriety of such a motion. I felt inclined at the beginning to make a point of order against the resolution. I thought it ought to go to that committee. I am not satisfied now that the resolution as I heard it read, with the matters referred to eliminated, is privileged. As I understood the preamble, it recited certain cases referred to on pages 132, 133, 134, and 135 of the report.

As the gentleman from New Jersey demonstrated, every one of those cases was prior to the 4th of March last. If the resolution in its present form, with its reference to that matter, should pass the House, it would give the committee that may be appointed jurisdiction to investigate those cases. Some of the Members referred to in those allegations have retired from the House. I do not know but that all of them have done so. I do not think it fair for this Congress to take up and investigate such a matter of a former Congress, relating to clerk hire, as contained in the resolution as it now stands, according to my understanding of it.

If the gentleman from Virginia during the vacation was not able to draw a resolution that related simply to the privileges of this House and which was not obnoxious to the point of order by reason of containing matters not pertaining to the privileges of the membership of this House, I do not think the House upon this hasty reading of the preamble and resolution as they now stand should accept and adopt the resolution. It should go to a committee; and when the time comes and I can be recognized for that purpose, as I can be after this debate is over, I shall move to refer the whole matter to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. HAY. Does any other gentleman desire to speak on that side? [A pause.] Then, unless some one wishes to speak, I only desire to say that I made no insinuation, so far as I know, against the gentleman from Massachusetts.

As for the question of referring this resolution to the Committee on Post-Office and Post-Roads, I wish to say, in the first place, that that would not be a proper committee to which to refer it, as the resolution does not deal with that class of legislation which the rules lay down as belonging to the Committee on Post-Office and Post-Roads. The adoption of the resolution itself would create a special committee, to be appointed by the Speaker, to take this matter into consideration.

Mr. PAYNE. Will the gentleman allow me a moment? I do not mean that the resolution should be referred to that committee for investigation, but referred simply that the committee might put the resolution in proper shape and report it back to the House.

Mr. HAY. I understand that. But I say that if the gentleman is going to make a motion to refer the resolution to any committee for that purpose, the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads is not the proper committee to which to refer it. If referred, it should be the Committee on Rules.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if there is nobody else who desires to say anything, I call for the previous question on the resolution.

Mr. PAYNE. I rise to a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Virginia [Mr. HAY] demands the previous question. For what purpose does the gentleman from New York [Mr. PAYNE] rise?

Mr. PAYNE. For the purpose of making a parliamentary inquiry. Is now the proper time to move to refer this matter to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads?

The SPEAKER. It would have been if the gentleman had had the floor and had made the motion prior to the demand for the previous question; but the Chair is of the opinion that pending the demand for the previous question the motion which the gentleman indicates would not be in order.

Mr. PAYNE. Then I hope the motion will be voted down.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Virginia demands the previous question.

The question was taken on ordering the previous question; and the Speaker announced that he was in doubt.

The House divided; and there were—ayes 55, noes 78.

Mr. HAY. Mr. Speaker, I call for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The question was taken; and there were—yeas 78, nays 78, answered "present" 9, not voting 218, as follows:

YEAS—78.

Adamson,	Denny,	Humphreys, Miss.	Livernash,
Bartlett,	Gaines, Tenn.	Hunt,	Lloyd,
Benny,	Garner,	Johnson,	Macon,
Bowers,	Gilbert,	Jones, Va.	Miers, Ind.
Bowie,	Gillespie,	Kehoe,	Minor,
Burleson,	Gregg,	Keliher,	Moon, Tenn.
Burnett,	Gudger,	Kitchin, Claude	Padgett,
Candler,	Hardwick,	Lacey,	Page,
Clark,	Harrison,	Lamar, Fla.	Pierce,
Cochran,	Hay,	Lester,	Pinckney,
Cooper, Wis.	Henry, Tex.	Lever,	Prince,
Croft,	Howell, Pa.	Lewis,	Rhea,
Davis, Fla.	Hughes, N. J.	Little,	Richardson, Ala.

Richardson, Tenn.	Sheppard,	Stephens, Tex.	Wanger,
Rixey,	Shull,	Swanson,	Warner,
Robb,	Sims,	Talbot,	Williams, Ill.
Robinson, Ind.	Slayden,	Taylor,	Williams, Miss.
Rucker,	Smith, Tex.	Underwood	Zenor.
Russell,	Snook,	Van Duzer,	
Scudder,	Stanley,	Wallace,	

NAYS—78.

Adams, Pa.	Dresser,	Hull,	Parker,
Bates,	Fordney,	Humphrey, Wash.	Payne,
Beidler,	Foss,	Jackson, Ohio	Porter,
Bingham,	French,	Jenkins,	Scott,
Birdsall,	Gaines, W. Va.	Jones, Wash.	Shiras,
Bishop,	Gardner, Mass.	Kennedy,	Slemp,
Bradley,	Gardner, Mich.	Lafean,	Smith, Wm. Alden
Brandegee,	Gardner, N. J.	Landis, Chas. B.	Snapp,
Brooks,	Gibson,	Lanning,	Sperry,
Brownlow,	Gillet, N. Y.	Lawrence,	Stafford,
Buckman,	Gillett, Mass.	Longworth,	Sterling,
Burkett,	Graft,	McCall,	Sulloway,
Burton,	Grosvenor,	McCleary, Minn.	Thomas, Iowa
Campbell,	Hamilton,	McCreary, Pa.	Volstead,
Conner,	Haskins,	McLachlan,	Wachter,
Cousins,	Hepburn,	Mann,	Warnock,
Cushman,	Hermann,	Metcalf,	Weems,
Dalzell,	Hill, Conn.	Miller,	Williamson.
Davis, Minn.	Hinshaw,	Murdock,	
Deemer,	Hogg,	Needham,	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—9.

Boutell,	Emerich,	Kline,	Patterson, Pa.
Cassel,	Gillett, Cal.	Mahon,	Wadsworth.
Currier,			

NOT VOTING—218.

Acheson.	Draper,	Lamb,	Robinson, Ark.
Adams, Wis.	Driscoll,	Landis, Frederick	Rodenberg,
Aiken,	Dunwell,	Legare,	Ruppert,
Alexander,	Dwight,	Lilley,	Ryan,
Allen,	Esch,	Lind,	Scarborough,
Ames,	Evans,	Lindsay,	Shackelford,
Babcock,	Field,	Littauer,	Shafroth,
Badger,	Finley,	Littlefield,	Sherley,
Baker,	Fitzgerald,	Livingston,	Sherman,
Bankhead,	Fitzpatrick,	Lorimer,	Shober,
Bartholdt,	Flack,	Loud,	Sibley,
Bassett,	Flood,	Loudenslager,	Skiles,
Beall, Tex.	Foster, Ill.	Lovering,	Small,
Bede,	Foster, Vt.	Lucking,	Smith, Ill.
Bell, Cal.	Fowler,	McAndrews,	Smith, Iowa
Benton,	Fuller,	McCarthy,	Smith, Ky.
Bowersock,	Garber,	McDermott,	Smith, N. Y.
Brantley,	Glass,	McLain,	Smith, Pa.
Breazale,	Goebel,	McMorran,	Smith, Samuel W.
Brick,	Goldfogle,	McNary,	Southall,
Broussard,	Gooch,	Maddox,	Southard,
Brown, Pa.	Goulden,	Mahoney,	Southwick,
Brown, Wis.	Granger,	Marsh,	Spalding,
Brundidge,	Greene,	Marshall,	Sparkman,
Burgess,	Griffith,	Martin,	Spight,
Burke,	Griggs,	Maynard,	Steenerson,
Burleigh,	Hamlin,	Meyer, La.	Stevens, Minn.
Butler, Mo.	Haugen,	Mondell,	Sullivan, Mass.
Butler, Pa.	Hearst,	Moon, Pa.	Sullivan, N. Y.
Byrd,	Hedge,	Morgan,	Sulzer,
Calderhead,	Hemenway,	Morrell,	Tate,
Caldwell,	Henry, Conn.	Mudd,	Tawney,
Capron,	Hildebrandt,	Nevin,	Thayer,
Cassingham,	Hill, Miss.	Norris,	Thomas, N. C.
Clayton,	Hitchcock,	Olmsted,	Thompson,
Cooper, Pa.	Hitt,	Otis,	Tirrell,
Cooper, Tex.	Holliday,	Otjen,	Townsend,
Cowherd,	Hopkins,	Overstreet,	Trimble,
Cromer,	Houston,	Palmer,	Vandiver,
Crowley,	Howard,	Patterson, N. C.	Van Voorhis,
Crumpacker,	Howell, N. J.	Patterson, Tenn.	Vreeland,
Curtis,	Howell, Utah	Pearre,	Wade,
Daniels,	Huff,	Perkins,	Watson,
Darragh,	Hughes, W. Va.	Pou,	Webb,
Daye, La.	Hunter,	Powers, Me.	Weisse,
Davidson,	Jackson, Md.	Powers, Mass.	Wiley, Ala.
Dayton,	James,	Pujo,	Wiley, N. J.
De Armond,	Ketcham,	Rainey,	Wilson, Ill.
Dick,	Kinkaid,	Randell, Tex.	Wilson, N. Y.
Dickerman,	Kitchin, Wm. W.	Ransdell, La.	Woodward,
Dinsmore,	Kluttz,	Reeder,	Wright,
Dixon,	Knapp,	Reid,	Wynn,
Dougherty,	Knopf,	Rider,	Young.
Douglas,	Kyle,	Roberts,	
Dovener,	Lamar, Mo.	Robertson, La.	

No quorum present.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will announce the pairs.

The Clerk announced the following pairs:

For the session:

Mr. MORRELL with Mr. KLINE.
 Mr. DAYTON with Mr. MEYER of Louisiana.
 Mr. SHERMAN with Mr. RUPPERT.
 Mr. CURRIER with Mr. FINLEY.
 Mr. PATTERSON of Pennsylvania with Mr. DICKERMAN.
 Mr. BOUTELL with Mr. GRIGGS.
 Mr. CASSEL with Mr. GOOCH.

Until further notice:

Mr. FOSTER of Vermont with Mr. POU.
 Mr. ALEXANDER with Mr. SPARKMAN.
 Mr. ALLEN with Mr. BADGER.
 Mr. MAHON with Mr. HOUSTON.

Mr. PEARRE with Mr. BROUSSARD.
 Mr. BOWERSOCK with Mr. SHACKLEFORD.
 Mr. BROWN of Pennsylvania with Mr. BYRD.
 Mr. WRIGHT with Mr. GOULDEN.
 Mr. GREENE with Mr. McNARY.
 Mr. TIRRELL with Mr. SULLIVAN of Massachusetts.
 Mr. CROMER with Mr. GRIFFITH.
 Mr. BURLEIGH with Mr. BRANTLEY.
 Mr. STEVENS of Minnesota with Mr. PATTERSON of Tennessee.
 Mr. REEDER with Mr. THAYER.
 Mr. CALDERHEAD with Mr. SPIGHT.
 Mr. CAPRON with Mr. GRANGER.
 Mr. BABCOCK with Mr. LIND.
 Mr. McMORRAN with Mr. BURGESS.
 Mr. EVANS with Mr. HILL of Mississippi.
 Mr. KETCHAM with Mr. JAMES.
 Mr. DWIGHT with Mr. CROWLEY.
 Mr. VAN VOORHIS with Mr. CASSINGHAM.
 Mr. POWERS of Maine with Mr. EMERICH.
 Mr. NEVIN with Mr. GARBER.
 Mr. HITT with Mr. DINSMORE.
 Mr. FLACK with Mr. LAMAR of Missouri.
 Mr. LORIMER with Mr. MAHONEY.
 Mr. KNAPP with Mr. McANDREWS.
 Mr. HILDEBRANT with Mr. MAYNARD.
 Mr. STEENERSON with Mr. KLUTTZ.
 Mr. WADSWORTH with Mr. LAMB.
 Mr. SMITH of Iowa with Mr. BENTON.
 Mr. WOODYARD with Mr. WEISSE.
 Mr. HENRY of Connecticut with Mr. COWHERD.
 Mr. DOUGLAS with Mr. BELL of California.
 Mr. DRISCOLL with Mr. RYDER.
 Mr. FREDERICK LANDIS with Mr. MADDOX.
 Mr. DUNWELL with Mr. BAKER.
 Mr. MUDD with Mr. WILLIAM W. KITCHIN.
 Mr. SKILES with Mr. RANDELL of Texas.
 Mr. GILLET of California with Mr. WYNN.
 For this day:
 Mr. SMITH of Illinois with Mr. SULZER.
 Mr. SOUTHARD with Mr. SMITH of Kentucky.
 Mr. SAMUEL W. SMITH with Mr. THOMAS of North Carolina.
 Mr. SPALDING with Mr. TRIMBLE.
 Mr. TAWNEY with Mr. THOMPSON.
 Mr. TOWNSEND with Mr. VANDIVER.
 Mr. FREELAND with Mr. WEBB.
 Mr. WATSON with Mr. WADE.
 Mr. WILSON of Illinois with Mr. WILEY of Alabama.
 Mr. RODENBERG with Mr. SHOBER.
 Mr. ROBERTS with Mr. SMALL.
 Mr. POWERS of Massachusetts with Mr. SHERLEY.
 Mr. PERKINS with Mr. TATE.
 Mr. PALMER with Mr. RYAN.
 Mr. OVERSTREET with Mr. SCARBOROUGH.
 Mr. OTJEN with Mr. ROBINSON of Arkansas.
 Mr. OTIS with Mr. REID.
 Mr. OLMSTED with Mr. ROBERTSON of Louisiana.
 Mr. MORGAN with Mr. RANDELL of Louisiana.
 Mr. MONDELL with Mr. RAINEY.
 Mr. MARTIN with Mr. PUJO.
 Mr. MARSHALL with Mr. PATTERSON of North Carolina.
 Mr. MARSH with Mr. McLAIN.
 Mr. LOVERING with Mr. McDERMOTT.
 Mr. LOUDENSLAGER with Mr. LUCKING.
 Mr. LITTLEFIELD with Mr. LIVINGSTON.
 Mr. HUGHES of West Virginia with Mr. LEGARE.
 Mr. HUFF with Mr. HOWARD.
 Mr. HOWELL of New Jersey with Mr. HOPKINS.
 Mr. FULLER with Mr. HITCHCOCK.
 Mr. HOLLIDAY with Mr. HAMLIN.
 Mr. HEDGE with Mr. GOLDFOGLE.
 Mr. HAUGEN with Mr. FOSTER of Illinois.
 Mr. FOWLER with Mr. FITZPATRICK.
 Mr. ESCH with Mr. FIELD.
 Mr. DRAPER with Mr. BUTLER of Missouri.
 Mr. DOVENER with Mr. SHAFROTH.
 Mr. DAVIDSON with Mr. LINDSAY.
 Mr. CURTIS with Mr. FITZGERALD.
 Mr. CRUMPACKER with Mr. CALDWELL.
 Mr. BUTLER of Pennsylvania with Mr. COOPER of Texas.
 Mr. BURKE with Mr. BEALL of Texas.
 Mr. BRICK with Mr. BASSETT.
 Mr. BROWN of Wisconsin with Mr. BRUNDIDGE.
 Mr. LILLEY with Mr. AIKEN.
 Mr. ADAMS of Wisconsin with Mr. HEARST.

Mr. BARTHOLDT with Mr. BANKHEAD.
 Mr. DARRAGH with Mr. DAVEY of Louisiana.
 Mr. ACHESON with Mr. BREAZEALE.
 Mr. LITTAUER with Mr. SULLIVAN of New York.
 Mr. HEMENWAY with Mr. DE ARMOND.
 Mr. DRISCOLL with Mr. RIDER.
 Mr. LOUD with Mr. FLOOD.
 Mr. KYLE with Mr. SOUTHALL.
 Mr. SOUTHWICK with Mr. GLASS.
 Mr. DICK with Mr. WILSON of New York.

On this vote:

Mr. SIBLEY with Mr. CLAYTON.
 Mr. SMITH of New York with Mr. DOUGHERTY.

Mr. GILLET of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to know if the gentleman from California [Mr. WYNN] is recorded? The SPEAKER. He is not recorded.
 Mr. GILLET of California. I would like to withdraw my vote.

The name of Mr. GILLET of California was called, and he voted "present."

Mr. BOUTELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire whether the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GRIGGS] has voted?

The SPEAKER. He is not recorded.

Mr. BOUTELL. I am paired with him, and I therefore desire to change my vote.

The name of Mr. BOUTELL was called, and he voted "present."

Mr. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to know if the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SIBLEY] has voted? I am paired with him.

The SPEAKER. He is not recorded.

On this question the yeas are 78, the nays are 78, present 9—not a quorum. The doors will be closed—

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, if the House will bear just a moment for a statement. I do not think it is much use to endeavor to get a quorum to-day. We will undoubtedly get a quorum to-morrow. I do not know of any pressing business, and I move that the House adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York moves that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. It is a little out of order, but as the gentleman has marked the pathway, it seems to me we might just as well adjourn until to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 34 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, the following executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of War submitting an estimate of appropriation for construction and repair of hospitals—to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination of the upper Hudson River in relation to gorges and freshets between Albany and Coxsack—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination and survey of York Harbor, Maine—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed with illustrations.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of survey of Merrimac River, Massachusetts—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination and survey of Big Kanawha River, West Virginia—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination and survey of Salem Harbor, Massachusetts—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed with illustrations.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting reports of receipts and expenditures of contingent fund of the War Department—to the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination and survey of Umpqua River, Oregon—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter

from the Surgeon-General of the Army, a recommendation of increase of the limit of cost within which permanent structures may be erected without submitting specific estimates to Congress—to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of the Surgeon-General of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination of certain locks and dams in the Little Kanawha River, West Virginia—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of War submitting an estimate of appropriation for payment of claims arising from an explosion near Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Superintendent of the Library Building and Grounds, submitting his report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903—to the Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination of the Ohio River from Mound City to Cairo, Ill.—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Supervising Architect submitting an estimate of appropriation for elevators in public building at Minneapolis, Minn.—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a list of judgments rendered by the Court of Claims—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs relating to the platting of lands within the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana—to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of War submitting an estimate of appropriation for a memorial amphitheater at Arlington, Va.—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, recommending an appropriation for enlargement of the drafting room of the office of the Supervising Architect—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of Commerce and Labor submitting an estimate of appropriation for a small light-draft steam tender for light-house service—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination of Oconee River, Georgia—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of Commerce and Labor submitting an estimate of appropriation for completion of light station in Patapsco River, Maryland—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination of Perquimans River, North Carolina—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed with illustrations.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination and survey of Minisceongo River, New York—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed with illustrations.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Supervising Architect submitting an estimate of appropriation for completion of post-office building at Alexandria, Va., and recommendation for an increase of the limit of cost—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Joint Army and Navy Board relating to the defense of the harbor of Manila and the naval station at Subig Bay—to the Committees on Naval Affairs and Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior submitting an estimate of appropriation for transcript of letters and plates in the General Land Office—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting an estimate of appropriations for rental of the Builders' Exchange

building for one of the bureaus of the Department—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, recommending legislation to authorize the acceptance of donations of land adjacent to the reservation at Fort Missoula, Mont.—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting documents relating to the claim of John and David West—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the draft of a bill to authorize the acquirement of additional land at Fort Sheridan, Ill.—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the General Staff of the Army relating to issue of certain obsolete ordnance and ordnance stores to educational institutions—to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of War submitting an estimate of appropriation for salaries in the office of the Commissary-General—to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of State, making application for authority to deliver certain presents of foreign governments to officers of the Army—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of Commerce and Labor submitting an estimate of appropriation for Coast and Geodetic Survey—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, recommending legislation in relation to the hire of cavalry and artillery horses for the National Guard at joint maneuvers—to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, recommending legislation in relation to the hire of cavalry and artillery horses and draft animals for the militia in actual camp and field service—to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Surgeon-General relating to purchase of medical supplies by civilian employees of the Army—to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of War submitting an estimate of appropriation for support of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting estimates of appropriations for collecting the revenue from customs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Secretary of State, papers relating to the claim of Wiel and Anundsen—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of Commerce and Labor submitting an estimate of deficiency appropriation for the Department of Commerce and Labor—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds of the Library of Congress submitting an estimate of appropriation for fuel, lights, etc.—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Acting Secretary of State submitting an estimate of appropriation for consular service in Manchuria—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an estimate of deficiency in appropriation for contingent expenses, Executive Office—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of Agriculture submitting an estimate of appropriation for eradicating the foot-and-mouth and other diseases of animals and to meet the ravages of the Mexican cotton-boll weevil—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Navy submitting an estimate of appropriation for service of the Marine Corps—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting papers relating to the claim of Jose Cardell—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of War submitting an estimate of appropriation for expenditures on fortification work—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting documents relating to the claim of Col. J. M. Marshall—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting additional papers relating to the claim of John Stewart—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of G. R. Lipscomb, administrator of estate of Mary A. Branch, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of J. J. Bryson, administrator of estate of Joseph H. Bryson, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Charles R. Holmes, administrator of estate of Nelson Cowan, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of William H. Landrum against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Charles S. McClard, administrator of estate of Arthur Mayberry, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of S. E. Stephenson, administrator of estate of Henry A. Dacus, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Sarah J. Bonner, administratrix of estate of Thomas Bonner, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of D. P. Haste, administrator of estate of William Varnor, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Sallie J. Adams, administratrix of estate of Herbert Smith, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Floyd H. Gilliam, administrator of estate of Josiah Springer, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Russell M. Kilburn against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Sterling Beeson, Granville Beeson, Frank Dugger, Penelope Foster, and George R. Dugger, guardian of Georgia K. Dugger, heirs of and representing one-fifth interest in the estate of one William H. Stringer, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Eveline Nixon and Mary Parker against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of C. M. McRee, administrator de bonis non of estate of Robert C. McRee, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Robert Watt, jr., administrator of estate of Robert Watt, sr., against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Martha A. Carter, sole heir of estate of Jerome C. Simmerman, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of John W. Snipes, administrator of estate of Arthur Pierce, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of John J. Saunders, administrator of estate of Henry S. Saunders, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of R. A. Dunlap, administrator of estate of Elijah Y. Toney, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Mollie Smith, administratrix of estate of John Hollingsworth, jr., against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of R. W. McGruder, administrator of estate of Thomas B. McGruder, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Daniel W. Core, administrator of estate of Hugh Core, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of John S. Brigman, administrator of estate of Thomas Brigman, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Stephen Eason against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the brig *Pilgrim*, John Thissel, master, against The United States—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Edward Crusselle, administrator and heir at law of estate of G. W. Crusselle, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, with a letter from the Chief of Engineers, report of examination and survey of Hillsboro Bay, Florida—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, and ordered to be printed.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXII, committees were discharged from the consideration of bills of the following titles; which were thereupon referred as follows:

A bill (H. R. 2367) granting a pension to Merton C. Sanborn—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6553) for the relief of William F. Denmuer—Committee on Military Affairs discharged, and referred to the Committee on War Claims.

A bill (H. R. 6582) granting an increase of pension to Harry Haller—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6825) for the relief of Herbert W. George—Committee on Military Affairs discharged, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A bill (H. R. 7055) to provide for the transportation of naval and other stores in American-built ships—Committee on Military Affairs discharged, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A bill (H. R. 7098) granting relief to certain members of the Seventh Michigan Cavalry, war of the rebellion—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on War Claims.

A bill (H. R. 7746) for the relief of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Paducah, Ky.—Committee on

Military Affairs discharged, and referred to the Committee on War Claims.

A bill (H. R. 8035) for the relief of M. A. McCafferty, of O'Neill, Nebr.—Committee on Military Affairs discharged, and referred to the Committee on War Claims.

A bill (H. R. 8174) granting a pension to Marion Skinner—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 8191) granting an increase of pension to James K. Parker—Committee on War Claims discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 8312) granting an increase of pension to William Clark—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 8462) granting an increase of pension to James Wlats—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 8483) granting a pension to William P. Parrill—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 8643) for the relief of John Wilkes Moore—Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CUSHMAN: A bill (H. R. 8663) to amend section 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States—to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. METCALF: A bill (H. R. 8664) providing for the purchase of metal and the coinage of minor coins, and the distribution and redemption of said coins—to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8665) providing for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Berkeley, in the State of California—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8666) providing for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Vallejo, in the State of California—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8667) providing for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Alameda, in the State of California—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8668) fixing the compensation of customs inspectors at the port of San Francisco, Cal., now or hereafter classed as discharging inspectors, in lieu of compensation for night services hereafter to be rendered in the examination of baggage, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of Illinois (by request): A bill (H. R. 8669) to provide for the allowance and payment to the employees of the Government Printing Office of the same leave of absence as is allowed to the clerks and employees of the Executive Departments of the Government—to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. BOWERS: A bill (H. R. 8670) for a survey of the present channel leading from the wharf at Biloxi, Miss., to Ship Island Harbor, Mississippi—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8671) for continuing improvement of the harbor at Biloxi, Miss.—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. WILSON of Arizona: A bill (H. R. 8672) to provide for the payment of claims for losses by old pioneers in the Territory of Arizona and other Territories and States in the western part of the United States during the years 1859 to 1875, inclusive, by Indian depredations committed upon these pioneers while they were settling and attempting to settle and develop that western country, and while emigrating thereto for that purpose—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8673) to provide for the payment of claims for losses by old pioneers and citizens in the Territory of Arizona and other Western Territories and States, during the years 1859 to 1875, inclusive, by Indian depredations committed upon these pioneers and people while attempting to settle and improve the West and while immigrating to the various sections in the West—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. CUSHMAN: A bill (H. R. 8674) to establish a permanent military camp ground in the vicinity of Tacoma, in Pierce County, Wash.—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8675) granting right of way for telegraph and telephone lines in the district of Alaska—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8676) to refund the amount of duties paid without protest into the United States Treasury on goods shipped

to Hawaii prior to July 7, 1898, and shipped therefrom into the United States subsequent to June 14, 1900—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8677) to amend section 3095 of the Revised Statutes of the United States—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ADAMS of Wisconsin: A bill (H. R. 8678) to provide for an increased annual appropriation for agricultural experiment stations and regulating the expenditure thereof—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. GIBSON: A bill (H. R. 8679) for the erection of a public building at Morristown, Tenn.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. WILSON of Arizona: A bill (H. R. 8680) to authorize the entry, location, operation, and development of stone and mineral lands on the Indian reservations in the Territory of Arizona, and for other purposes—to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. RUCKER: A bill (H. R. 8681) to detach the county of Linn, in the State of Missouri, from the western and attach it to the eastern judicial district of said State—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MONDELL: A bill (H. R. 8682) granting to railroads and water companies the right of way through public lands and reservations of the United States for reservoirs and pipe lines—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8683) to provide for medical care and surgical treatment of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8684) to extend the time for the selection and segregation of public lands provided for by section 4 of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, and for other purposes"—to the Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands.

By Mr. GREGG: A bill (H. R. 8685) permitting the Kiowa, Chickasha and Fort Smith Railway Company to sell and convey its railroad and other property in the Indian Territory to the Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company, and the Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company to lease all its railroad and other property in the Indian Territory to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, and thereafter to sell its railroad and other property to said the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company—to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BABCOCK: A bill (H. R. 8686) to amend section 895 of the code of law for the District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8687) authorizing the sale of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal bonds belonging to the District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8688) to transfer jurisdiction to reservation No. 32, in the city of Washington, D. C.—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8689) to regulate appointments and promotions in the municipal government of the District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8690) to amend the law relating to taxation in the District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8691) authorizing the laying of water mains and service sewers in the District of Columbia, the levying of assessments therefor, and for other purposes—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8692) to authorize the apprehension and detention of insane persons in the District of Columbia, and providing for their temporary commitment in the Government Hospital for the Insane, and for other purposes—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH: A bill (H. R. 8693) to fix the compensation of criers and bailiffs in the United States courts—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLACK: A bill (H. R. 8694) to commemorate the battle of Plattsburg and to provide a monument in honor of American sailors and soldiers killed in defense of Plattsburg—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. RODEY: A bill (H. R. 8695) to make the provisions of an act of Congress with reference to the selection of school lands, approved February 28, 1891 (26 Stat., p. 796), applicable to the Territory of New Mexico—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. SULLOWAY: A bill (H. R. 8697) fixing the date of termination of the war of the rebellion under the act of June 27, 1890, as amended by the act of May 9, 1900—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. JENKINS: A bill (H. R. 8698) relative to appeals from the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8699) to amend section 5409 of the Revised Statutes of the United States—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LORIMER: A bill (H. R. 8700) for the amendment of the patent laws—to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. SHIRAS: A bill (H. R. 8701) to give all holders of bonds of the United States the privilege of depositing said bonds with the Treasurer of the United States and securing therefor certain legal-tender Government notes, and so forth—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. BINGHAM: A bill (H. R. 8702) for establishing further aids to navigation in Delaware Bay and River—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. BURNETT: A bill (H. R. 8703) granting certain lands belonging to the United States and situated in the State of Alabama to the State of Alabama for the use and benefit of the common schools of that State—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. HERMANN: A bill (H. R. 8704) granting pensions to certain officers and enlisted men of the Life-Saving Service and to their widows and minor children—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8705) to authorize the establishment of a life-saving station at or near the mouth of the Siuslaw River, in the State of Oregon—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8706) for the establishment of a fish hatchery in the State of Oregon for propagation of trout and other game and food fishes—to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

By Mr. WACHTER (by request): A bill (H. R. 8707) relating to clerks to pay officers in the Navy—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. DALZELL: A joint resolution (H. J. Res. 73) providing for a survey of the Ohio River from Pittsburg to Cairo—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. HERMANN: A joint resolution (H. J. Res. 74) authorizing the issue of duplicate medals where the originals have been lost or destroyed—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BURLESON: A resolution (H. Res. 112) requesting the Secretary of War to transmit to the House of Representatives the history and statistics of claims of the State of Texas against the United States for expenses incurred in the defense of the frontier from 1854 to 1860 and subsequent to 1865—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. GOLDFOGLE: A resolution (H. Res. 113) relating to treatment and protection of American citizens traveling or sojourning abroad—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. STEPHENS of Texas: A resolution (H. Res. 114) requesting certain information from the Attorney-General of the United States relative to the enforcement of the antitrust laws—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. LITTLE: A bill (H. R. 8696) to authorize the Secretary of War to revoke and vacate sentence of court-martial against Daniel Smith—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BABCOCK: A bill (H. R. 8708) granting an increase of pension to David C. Posey—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8709) granting an increase of pension to James A. Porter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BOWERSOCK: A bill (H. R. 8710) granting a pension to Solomon Eshnour—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8711) granting an increase of pension to James W. Aiken—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BOWERS: A bill (H. R. 8712) granting a pension to Lucinda Matkins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BROOKS: A bill (H. R. 8713) granting an increase of pension to Elam Allen—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BURKETT: A bill (H. R. 8714) granting an increase of pension to Henry J. Main—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CAMPBELL: A bill (H. R. 8715) granting a pension to Alice A. Siverd—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8716) granting a pension to Peter Creager—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8717) granting a pension to Henry Edwards—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8718) granting a pension to Caswell P. Ford—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CANNON: A bill (H. R. 8719) granting an increase of pension to Moses B. Page—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8720) granting an increase of pension to John Snowden—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8721) granting an increase of pension to Henry M. Carrell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8722) granting an increase of pension to Martha E. Brittingham—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8723) granting an increase of pension to Mary E. McReynolds—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8724) granting an increase of pension to Mary J. Allhands—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8725) granting an increase of pension to John A. Parker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8726) granting an increase of pension to William C. Stair—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8727) granting an increase of pension to Peter Kaufman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8728) granting a pension to Matilda Laferty—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CURRIER: A bill (H. R. 8729) granting an increase of pension to Gustus S. Remick—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8730) granting an increase of pension to Charles E. McIntire—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8731) granting a pension to Mary A. Sanborn—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CUSHMAN: A bill (H. R. 8732) granting a pension to Jenkin Morgan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DAVIS of Florida: A bill (H. R. 8733) granting an increase of pension to Capt. Benjamin F. McGraw—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DRESSER: A bill (H. R. 8734) granting an increase of pension to T. M. McKelvey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8735) granting an increase of pension to Wait C. Simons—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DWIGHT: A bill (H. R. 8736) granting an increase of pension to Jerusha H. Wiles—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8737) granting an increase of pension to Edmund O. Beers—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. FLACK: A bill (H. R. 8738) to correct the military record of John E. Wool—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8739) granting an increase of pension to Marcus Crossman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8740) granting an increase of pension to Mary G. Bonesteel—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. GIBSON: A bill (H. R. 8741) for the allowance of certain claims for stores and supplies reported by the Court of Claims under the provisions of the act approved March 3, 1883, and commonly known as the Bowman Act—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. GILBERT: A bill (H. R. 8742) granting an increase of pension to Jason Robinson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GROSVENOR: A bill (H. R. 8743) for the relief of Thomas W. Higgins—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. HARRISON: A bill (H. R. 8744) for the relief of Spiegelberg Brothers—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. HAMILTON: A bill (H. R. 8745) granting an increase of pension to Augustus J. Newton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HAUGEN: A bill (H. R. 8746) to correct the military record of William Ryan—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8747) granting an increase of pension to David G. Glenn—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HAY: A bill (H. R. 8748) for the relief of Serenus Kilbourne—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8749) for the relief of George H. Mellen, deceased—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. HEMENWAY: A bill (H. R. 8750) granting a pension to James M. Hudson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HERMANN: A bill (H. R. 8751) granting an increase of pension to Hiram W. White—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8752) granting an increase of pension to George W. Peters—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8753) for the relief of J. G. and I. N. Day—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8754) granting an increase of pension to John F. Oviatt—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HINSHAW: A bill (H. R. 8755) granting an increase of pension to Eugene Schilling—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HITT: A bill (H. R. 8756) granting a pension to Margaret J. Robbins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HOGG (by request): A bill (H. R. 8757) for the relief of George Ivers, of Boone, Pueblo County, Colo., administrator of William Ivers—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8758) granting an increase of pension to Henry Wise Bach—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8759) granting a pension to Orson P. Matthews—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8760) granting an increase of pension to Valentine M. Windbigler—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8761) granting an increase of pension to Baronet Gow—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HOLLIDAY: A bill (H. R. 8762) granting a pension to John H. Givens—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8763) to correct the military record of William F. Lynn—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8764) granting an increase of pension to John E. Wilkins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8765) granting an increase of pension to Alfred R. Glover—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8766) granting an increase of pension to Nathan C. Sackett—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8767) granting an increase of pension to Levi Baker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8768) granting an increase of pension to Albert Morrison—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HULL: A bill (H. R. 8769) granting an increase of pension to Samuel S. Petty—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HUMPHREY of Washington: A bill (H. R. 8770) for the relief of Lewis D. W. Shelton—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8771) granting a pension to Walter F. Horner—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. JACKSON of Ohio: A bill (H. R. 8772) granting an increase of pension to John H. Eversole—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8773) granting an increase of pension to Harvey B. Ragon—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8774) granting an increase of pension to John Miller—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8775) granting a pension to Louise L. Kerr—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8776) granting a pension to Annie Godfrey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. JENKINS: A bill (H. R. 8777) granting an increase of pension to John C. Beckwith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KNAPP: A bill (H. R. 8778) granting an increase of pension to William P. Kinney—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LAFEAN: A bill (H. R. 8779) to correct the military record of Edward T. Lewis—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8780) granting an increase of pension to F. F. Buckingham—to the Committee on Invalid Pension.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8781) granting a pension to Angelina Fisher—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LITTLE (by request): A bill (H. R. 8782) granting an increase of pension to David Calhoun—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8783) granting an increase of pension to Mary Ann Phipps—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. LORIMER: A bill (H. R. 8784) granting an increase of pension to James Buggie—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MAHON: A bill (H. R. 8785) to revoke sentence and establish the military record of Capt. George G. Lovett, Company K, One hundred and eighty-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, war of the rebellion of 1861 to 1865—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. METCALF: A bill (H. R. 8786) granting an increase of pension to Sewell F. Graves—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8787) granting an increase of pension to Robert W. Brasher—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8788) granting an increase of pension to William E. Campbell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8789) granting an increase of pension to George K. Knowlton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8790) granting a pension to C. Annette Buckel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8791) granting a pension to Mae H. Tyler—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8792) granting a pension to Cornelia A. Thompson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8793) granting a pension to C. C. Marsh—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8794) for the relief of Jeremiah Cutler Burnett—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8795) to correct the military record of August E. Bouquet—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8796) to correct the military record of Fred R. Nugent—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. MCCREARY of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 8797) granting an increase of pension to Emma V. Gile—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8798) mustering into the United States Army Frank Skinner as second lieutenant, Company F, Twelfth Regiment New Jersey Volunteers—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BIRDSALL: A bill (H. R. 8799) granting an increase of pension to Joseph Mitch—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MURDOCK: A bill (H. R. 8800) granting an increase of pension to Florence M. Metz—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8801) granting an increase of pension to William E. Means—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8802) granting an increase of pension to Charles E. Decker—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8803) granting an increase of pension to David D. Page—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8804) granting an increase of pension to Marion J. Barr—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8805) for the relief of William H. H. Center—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. REEDER: A bill (H. R. 8806) for the relief of Alvin W. Harper—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8807) removing charge of desertion from the military record of David Kunkle—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8808) granting a pension to William Mollenkamp—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8809) to correct the military record of Thomas Keating—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8810) granting an increase of pension to Benjamin Shaffer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8811) granting an increase of pension to James Dougherty—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8812) granting an increase of pension to Sarah E. Douglas—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8813) granting an increase of pension to John Cline—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8814) granting an increase of pension to Harry R. Dunn—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RIXEY: A bill (H. R. 8815) for the relief of the legal representatives of Alfred Carter, late of Fauquier County, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8816) for the relief of the vestry of St. James Protestant Episcopal Church, of Culpeper County, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8817) for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander F. Butler, late of Louisa County, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. ZENOR: A bill (H. R. 8818) granting a pension to William Mathers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ROBB: A bill (H. R. 8819) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of James Coad—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8820) granting an increase of pension to Thomas L. Judd—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8821) granting a pension to Solomon Butler—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8822) granting a pension to Bird L. Francis—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8823) to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish an artificial leg to Allan P. Dace—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8824) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of James Dunlap—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8825) for the relief of the heirs of John Buford, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8826) for the relief of George W. Mattingly—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8827) for the relief of Thomas G. Johnson—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8828) for the relief of J. S. Sartin—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8829) for the relief of Francis O'Bannon—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8830) for the relief of Anderson Coleman—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8831) for the relief of the heirs of L. W. Pritchett—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8832) for the relief of the heirs of George Kinnard—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. ROBERTS: A bill (H. R. 8833) to amend the military record of William F. Welch—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8834) granting an increase of pension to Joseph H. Richardson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8835) granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Jackson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8836) granting a pension to Benjamin Pitman—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. RUCKER: A bill (H. R. 8837) granting an increase of pension to William H. Bradley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8838) granting an increase of pension to Gabriel H. Hart—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT: A bill (H. R. 8839) granting an increase of pension to Thomas N. Hicks—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SHAFROTH: A bill (H. R. 8840) granting an increase of pension to Stella B. Moore—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8841) granting an increase of pension to Isaac N. Hughey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8842) granting an increase of pension to Thomas F. Weaver—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8843) granting an increase of pension to Eunice A. Starr—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8844) granting an increase of pension to William Jennings—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8845) granting an increase of pension to Matthew Fletcher—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8846) granting a pension to W. F. Nichols—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SLAYDEN: A bill (H. R. 8847) granting a pension to Eliza J. Morgan—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8848) to pay Elizabeth A. Ballew \$100 for cattle taken by United States soldiers in October, 1865—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8849) to pension James S. Lauderdale—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH of Illinois: A bill (H. R. 8850) granting a pension to Thomas Joyce—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8851) granting a pension to Virginia E. Smith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8852) for the relief of the heirs of James Goodloe, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH: A bill (H. R. 8853) granting a pension to Mary E. Connor—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8854) granting a pension to George Hall—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8855) granting a pension to Elizabeth F. Champlin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. STEPHENS of Texas: A bill (H. R. 8856) for the relief of the heirs of William W. Leftwich—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. SULLOWAY: A bill (H. R. 8857) granting an increase of pension to John T. Beach—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8858) granting an increase of pension to Benjamin Bickford—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8859) granting an increase of pension to Charles J. Esty—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8860) granting an increase of pension to Frederick M. Gibson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. TAWNEY: A bill (H. R. 8861) granting an increase of pension to Samuel A. Rask—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8862) granting an increase of pension to Alida M. Utter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. VREELAND: A bill (H. R. 8863) granting an increase of pension to Edward O'Malley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WARNOCK: A bill (H. R. 8864) to correct the military record of John Estep—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8865) granting an increase of pension to Charles W. Mann—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 8866) granting an increase of pension to W. H. Boulton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WILSON of Arizona: A bill (H. R. 8867) for the relief of the estate of George W. Curtis, deceased—to the Committee on Claims.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. BABCOCK: Papers to accompany bill H. R. 5523, granting an increase of pension to James A. Smith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BIRDSALL: Petition of residents of Cedar Falls, Iowa, in favor of certain legislation for better moral conditions—to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. CAMPBELL: Papers to accompany bill granting an increase of pension to Alice A. Siverd; also, petition of citizens of Girard, Kans., in support of a bill granting a pension to Peter Creager; also, papers to accompany bill granting an increase of

pension to Henry Edwards; also, paper to accompany bill granting a pension to Caswell P. Ford—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CANNON: Petition of Mozart Lodge, of Erie, Pa., and 349 similar societies of German-Americans, protesting against legislation subjecting articles of interstate commerce in the original package to State legislation—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSINGHAM: Papers to accompany bill H. R. 2554, granting a pension to Belle Wells; also, papers to accompany bill H. R. 7355, granting an increase of pension to Henry Barrett; also, papers to accompany bill H. R. 2557, granting an increase of pension to James Carr—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. FLACK: Papers to accompany bill H. R. 8359, to correct military record of Edward Minnie—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, papers to accompany bill granting increase of pension to Mary E. Bonesteel—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. HEMENWAY: Petition of Stone River Post, No. 65, Grand Army of the Republic, of Frankfort, Ind.; also, petition of Bruce Post, No. 273, Grand Army of the Republic; also, petition of Joseph Sisco and others; also, petition of Major Henry Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Pendleton, Ind.; also, petition of Royal Center (Ind.) Post, Grand Army of the Republic; also, petition of General Willich Post, No. 543, Grand Army of the Republic, of Haubstadt, Ind.; also, petition of Fort Wagner Post, No. 581, Grand Army of the Republic, of Evansville, Ind.; also, petition of Harter Post, No. 256, Grand Army of the Republic, favoring the passage of the Hemenway service-pension bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HILL of Connecticut: Memorial of the Irish Language Society of Bridgeport, Conn., in behalf of bill H. R. 62, for the erection of a monument to the memory of Commodore John Barry, United States Navy—to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. HINSHAW: Petition of Holland Post, No. 75, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Nebraska, favoring passage of a service-pension bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill H. R. 4222—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, resolution of John Brown Post, Exeter, Department of Nebraska, favoring the passage of bill H. R. 4067, for service pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill H. R. 1483, to increase pension of J. W. Black—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill to pension H. F. E. Schroer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill H. R. 4939, to increase pension of Rutson J. Bullock—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KNAPP: Petition of the board of supervisors of the county of Lewis, N. Y.; resolutions adopted by the board of supervisors of Oswego County, N. Y., and petition of the Farmers' Institute of Lewis County, N. Y., favoring the Brownlow good-roads bill—to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, petition of W. B. Wait Post, No. 581, Grand Army of the Republic, of New York, for a general service-pension law; also, papers to accompany bill granting an increase of pension to William P. Kinney—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LACEY: Papers to accompany bill granting increase of pension to Alexander E. Fine—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of citizens of Blakesburg, Iowa, asking for relief of military telegraph operators in the civil war—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, resolution of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, favoring the preservation of the big trees in California—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, resolution of Grain Dealers' National Association, at Minneapolis, Minn., in opposition to the McCumber bill, S. 199—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, resolutions of Retail Implement Dealers' Association of South Dakota, in opposition to parcel-post bill and relative to other measures—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. MAHON: Resolution to pay a sum equal to six months' salary to Eliza Deardorff, widow of John W. Deardorff—to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. MURDOCK: Petition of Sherman Post, No. 30, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas, favoring a service-pension law—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. PORTER: Paper to accompany bill granting increase of pension to William H. H. Chester; also, papers to accompany bill granting increase of pension to John Gangwisch—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of residents of Pittsburg, Pa., against sale of liquor in public buildings and Soldiers' Homes, etc.—to the Committee on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic.

By Mr. REEDER: Papers to accompany bill for the relief of Alvin W. Harper—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, paper to accompany bill granting increase of pension to Benjamin Shaffer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS: Papers to accompany bill H. R. 8249, granting an increase of pension to Oliver Farrington; also, papers to accompany bill H. R. 8239, granting a pension to Sarah E. Holbrook—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Jackson; also, papers to accompany bill granting an increase of pension to Joseph H. Richardson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill granting increase of pension to Benjamin Pitman; also, papers to accompany bill granting pension to Ellen J. Tuttle—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH: Petition of Iron Molders' Union No. 31, of Grand Rapids, Mich., in favor of an eight-hour law and the anti-injunction bill—to the Committee on Labor.

Also, concurrent resolution of Michigan legislature, favoring the erection of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery to the memory of Capt. Charles Vernon Gridley—to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. SPERRY: Petition of the locomotive engineers of the civil war, asking for pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, resolution of the Connecticut Civil Service Reform Association, favoring reform in the consular service—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WILEY of New Jersey: Papers to accompany bill H. R. 4457, granting an increase of pension to Mary E. Meldrum—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, January 5, 1904.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. EDWARD EVERETT HALE, D. D.
Mr. JAMES P. CLARKE, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, appeared in his seat to-day.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings, when, on request of Mr. PENROSE, and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal will stand approved, if there be no objection. It is approved.

RENTAL OF BUILDINGS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Public Printer, transmitting, in response to a resolution of the 17th ultimo, a statement of the quarters and buildings rented by the Government Printing Office in the District of Columbia and the annual rental in each case; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

FINDINGS BY THE COURT OF CLAIMS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the cause of E. L. Brien, administrator of Ann Lum, deceased, v. The United States; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the cause of John A. Johnson, administrator of Maria Johnson and Sarah E. Ware, deceased, v. The United States; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore presented a petition of the Honolulu Trades and Labor Council, American Federation of Labor, of Honolulu, Hawaii, praying for the enactment of legislation to prohibit the employment of Asiatic and noncitizen labor on all public work done under contract for the Federal Government in that Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

He also presented petitions of sundry citizens of Mill Brook, Pa.; of the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mountain Grove, Mo.; of the Ladies' Centennial Book Club, of Ottawa, Ohio; of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Rochelle, Ill., and of the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Chetopa, Kans., praying for an investigation of the charges made and filed against Hon. REED SMOOT, a Senator from the State of Utah; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

He also presented memorials of the Germania Verein of West Side; of the Turn Verein of Elkader; of Lodge No. 2, of Sioux